



Cabinet

16 DECEMBER 2015

Subject Heading:

Requisition of Cabinet Decision - Romford Market Transformation Programme

Cabinet Member:

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Policy context:

Havering Council Corporate Plan 2015-16:
Using our influence to 'Regenerate Romford Market to bring in new traders and attract more shoppers'

Financial summary:

As shown in the Cabinet report attached at Appendix B

Is this a Key Decision?

Decision to requisition Cabinet is not in itself a Cabinet decision.

When should this matter be reviewed?

November 2018 (Original Cabinet decision)

Reviewing OSC:

Towns and Communities

The subject matter of this report deals with the following Council Objectives

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| Havering will be clean and its environment will be cared for | [X] |
| People will be safe, in their homes and in the community | [X] |
| Residents will be proud to live in Havering | [X] |

SUMMARY

This report advises the outcome of the consideration by the Overview & Scrutiny Board of the requisition of the decision of the Cabinet at its meeting on 18 November in relation to the Romford Market Transformation Programme.

The Overview and Scrutiny Board UPHELD the requisition and the Cabinet is therefore invited to review the matter.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That Cabinet:

Reviews the decision of 18 November in the light of the Overview and Scrutiny Board upholding the requisition of it.

REPORT DETAIL

1. At its meeting on 18 November 2015, Cabinet was presenting before it a report which outlined proposals for the transformation of Romford Market. These fell under four main headings: branding identity and vision; operational management and business development; physical transformation and improved use of space.
2. Work on the first three had been initiated. The full physical interventions proposed were subject to the successful award of external funding to match the Council's proposed investment.
3. The transformational plan would see a fundamental change in the way Romford Market looked, felt, was managed and operated as well as changes to the Market Place itself and how it would be used on both market and non-market days.

Cabinet:

1. Endorsed the main proposals developed with the assistance of consultants 20:20 Ltd, as identified in section 4 of the report and tasked officers to progress implementation.
2. Authorised officers to engage with traders, retailers and partners in the delivery of the changes described in the report.
3. Delegated authority to the Group Director of Communities and Resources in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment to finalise the grant application for capital investment in the market to the Mayor of London's London Regeneration fund.
4. Delegated authority to the Cabinet Member for Environment and the Group Director of Communities and Resources to submit further funding applications (e.g. Veolia and HLF) or to other funding sources relating to the market and Market Place consistent with the programme outlined in the report.
5. Noted the appointment of architects to cost and develop full proposals for the physical development of the Market Place and to recommend to Council the allocation of £1m Council capital funding of the programme subject to securing sufficient match-funding from other sources subject to a business case being

signed off by the Finance Business Partner and Group Director, Communities & Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment.

6. Agreed to utilise transformational funding to support the market transformation programme as part of the Council's 'invest to save' model and authorised the Group Director of Communities and Resources to release funds accordingly, subject to both the Group Director and Finance Business Partner signing-off a business case in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment.
4. The Cabinet decision was subsequently requisitioned and placed before the Overview and Scrutiny Board for consideration. At its meeting on 9 December 2015 the Overview & Scrutiny Board upheld the requisition of the call-in of the Cabinet decision taken on 18 November 2015 regarding the Romford Market Transformation Programme.
5. The Overview & Scrutiny Board expressed several concerns regarding the proposals and associated financial expenditure proposed within the report and agreed that Cabinet should be asked to review its original decision. The draft minutes of the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Board where the requisition was considered are appended to this report.

REASONS AND OPTIONS

Due to the timescale associated with the application for external funding for the proposals, a consideration of the requisition of the original Cabinet decision has to be dealt with at this meeting of Cabinet as delaying the process would preclude the previously delegated authority to the Group Director of Communities and Resources, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Environment, to finalise an application for capital investment from the Mayor of London's London Regeneration Fund.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

As shown in the Cabinet report attached as appendix B. There are no implications or risks associated with this covering report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

There are none